



The Wit-Gele Kruis (White-Yellow Cross) celebrates 45 years in Aruba with an informative expo

The Wit Gele Kruis (WGK) is an integral part of the lives of the Dutch, and all Arubans. It is the service of the WGK that Arubans turn to for pre and postnatal care, and wellness care of newborn infants and children to the age of four years old, including their inoculations. The WGK also provides home care for the elderly and disabled, often supplying the special equipment needed such as wheelchairs and crutches.

On Monday, Gino Goloe, Director of the Wit-Gele Kruis announced that in celebration of the forty-five years that the WGK has been serving the Aruban community, an informative morning of lectures, and an exposition will be conducted at the Aruba Resort & Spa. The exposition will take place on Friday, November 24 in the ballroom and is open to the public from 1:00 until 3:00 PM. The morning sessions will be a review of the forty-five years of the WGK, with a history of their work with the community being screened every hour on the hour from 10:00 AM. The morning sessions are by invitation only, extended to the medical and social care professionals of the island. The film will not only show all the services the WGK provides, but also how the equipment and testing have evolved over the past half century.

Joining WGK Director Mr. Goloe on Monday for the invitation to the public to attend the exposition were Margarita Purier, coordinator, Figaroa, team leader, Zahaira Gomes, Verpleegkundige, Monique Giel, Verpleegkundig Kraamzorg.

The morning program will feature speakers number of organizations that are involved with different aspects of health care and community service. These include Cembrah, Plataforma Profesional di Bario, Comision Nacional Lechi di Pecho and Let's Talk. The afternoon expo will have booths that display the history of the WGK, and information about the various services they perform for children from infancy to four years old, so that parents will also understand what care their children require. There will also be booths from the Kleuterbureau, Bon Cria, JeugdTandZorg (JTZ-dental care for children,) JeugdGezondheidsZorg, (JGZ -Children's Health), Fundacion pa nos Muchanan, (Foundation for Children,) FAVI (Foundation for the Visually Impaired) and Fundacion Respetami, (foundation that battles child abuse.) The theme of the lectures and exposition is "United we can Protect our Future Generations," which is exemplified by the expo and the various organizations that are taking part to inform parents on all aspects of the proper care of their children.

The Wit Gele Kruis has been an important part of community life, providing the support and care needed at both the beginning and the end of it for all Arubans, no matter their status. They are there to help the new mother see that her child gets a good start, and is developing properly. Their place in the community is invaluable, as will be the information provided during Friday's celebration. Organizers encourage everyone to attend the expo and join the celebration of forty-five years of the WGK.